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Dear Mr. McKeown:

This is in response to your letter received 02 December 2002 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 09/980,126 filed 30 November 2001. The application has been processed by the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) has been issued. A copy of such notification is attached herewith for your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

- Copy of PCT/DO/EO/905